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The developers of the Xanadu Hypertext System eventually hope to replace the printed word.

Meanwhile, they've formed XOC Inc. to market their information retrieval system to some of America's biggest companies and the federal government.

The system, which took 22 years to develop, permits a body of information to be stored as an interconnected whole. A system of linkages (pointing at an underlined word, for example) provides instant access to any writings within that body.

The system is versatile. It can remember and compare changes made in previous documents, which could help writers, design engineers and computer programmers.

The softwear isn't cheap. For example, a 500-user system would cost $1 million to install, with a 10 percent ($100,000) monthly license fee. XOC would lease terminals and softwear, or softwear only.